



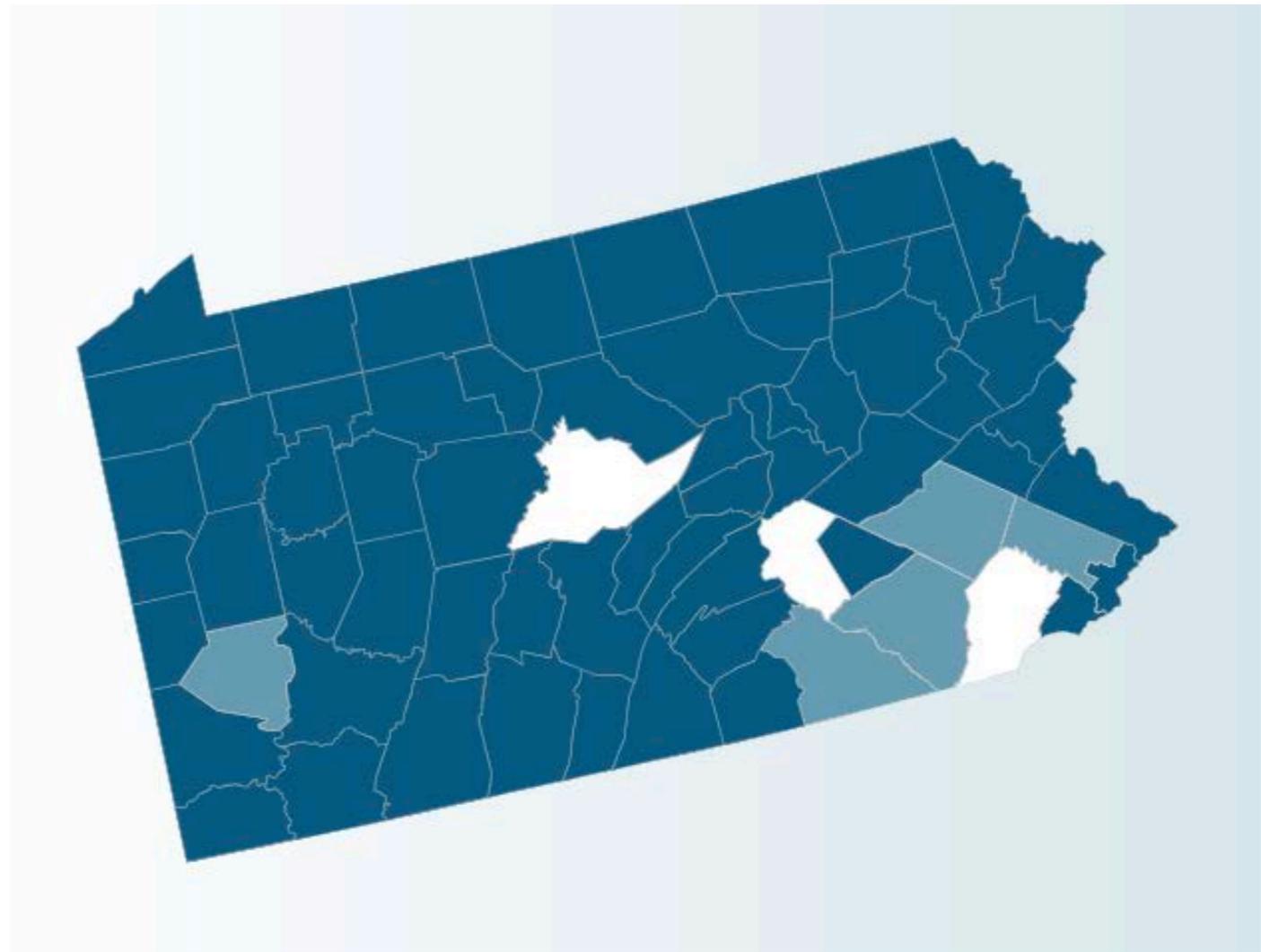
The Foundation for Government Accountability

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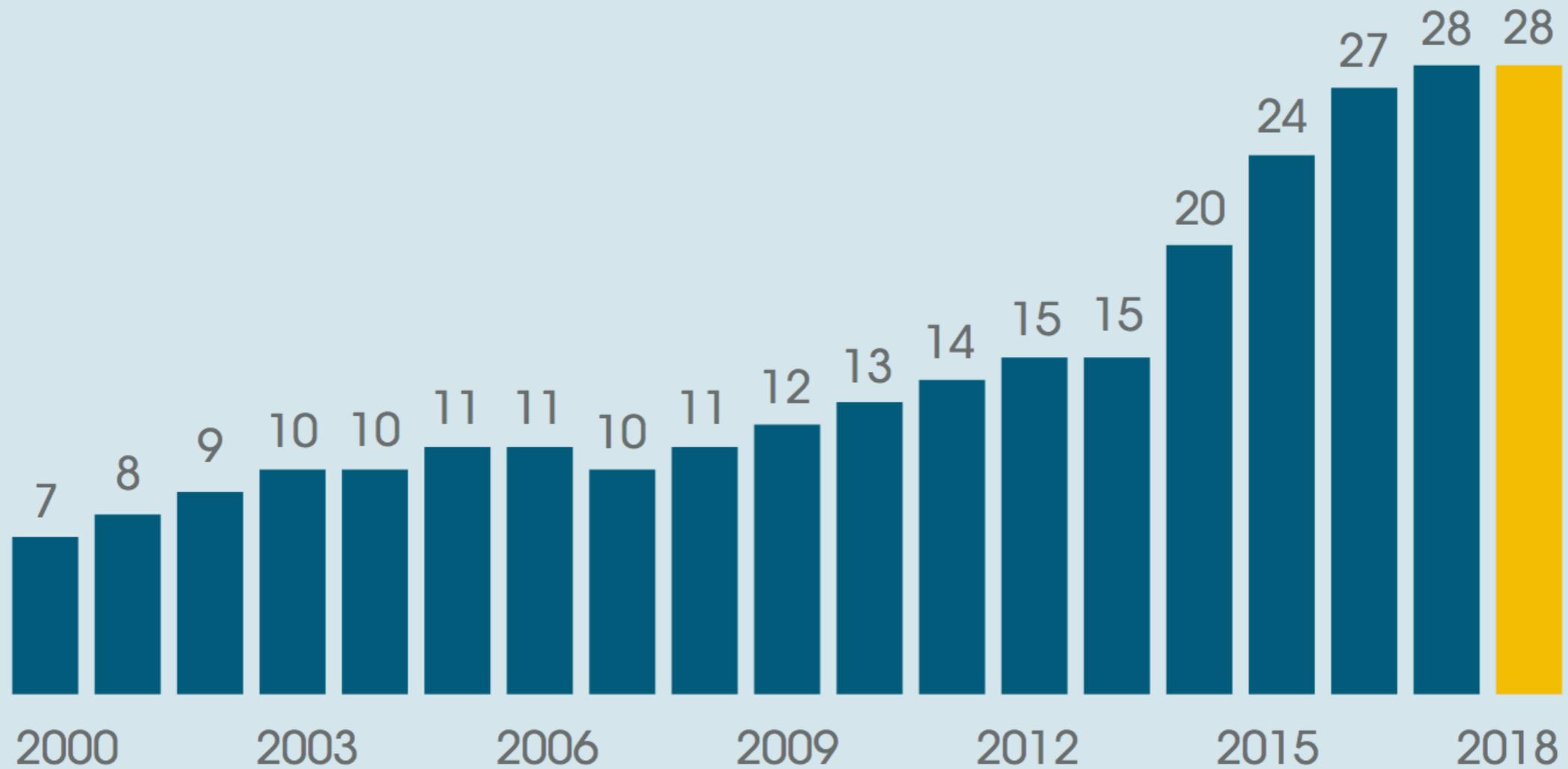
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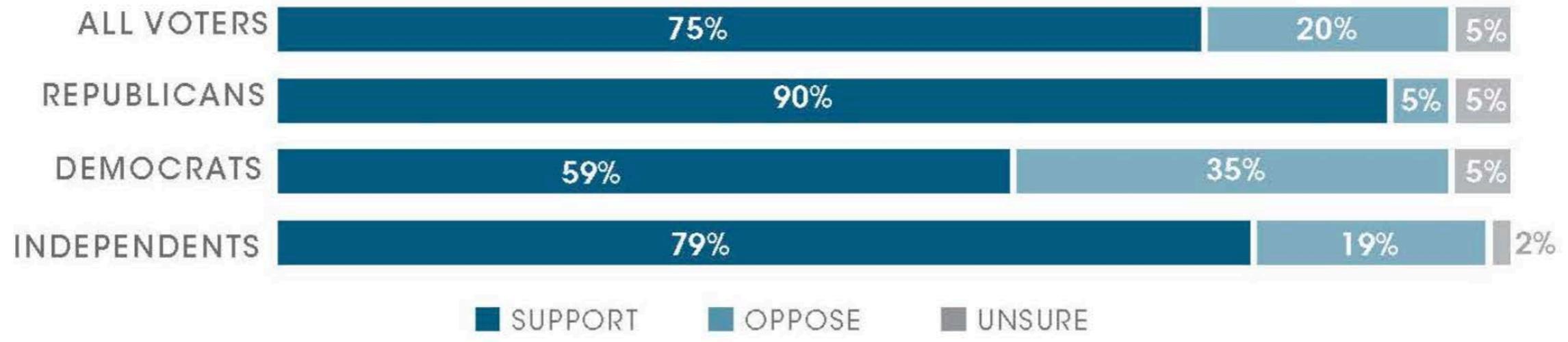
Annual Medicaid enrollment for non-disabled adults, by fiscal year
(in millions)



✓ IT'S TRENDING



✓ IT'S POPULAR





IT INCREASES INCOMES

Child support provides up to \$5,700 in additional income when families on food stamps receive all that is owed to them

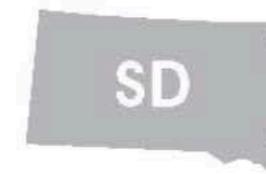
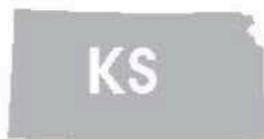
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Paid child support helps over **1 million children escape poverty** each year.



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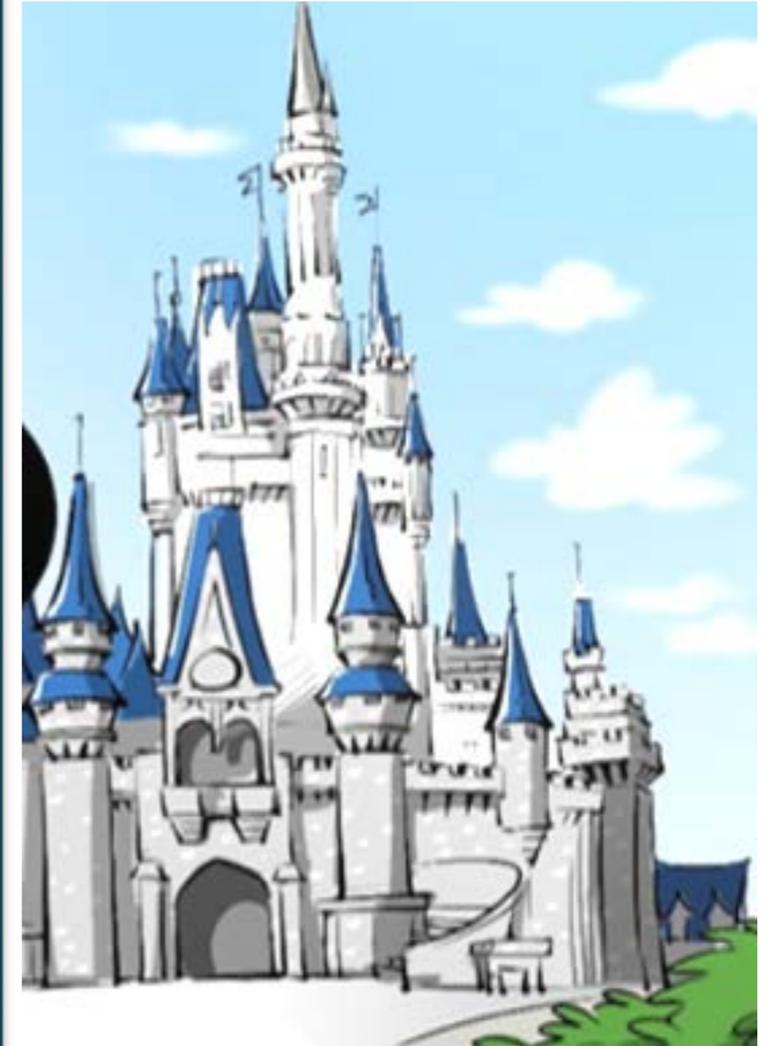
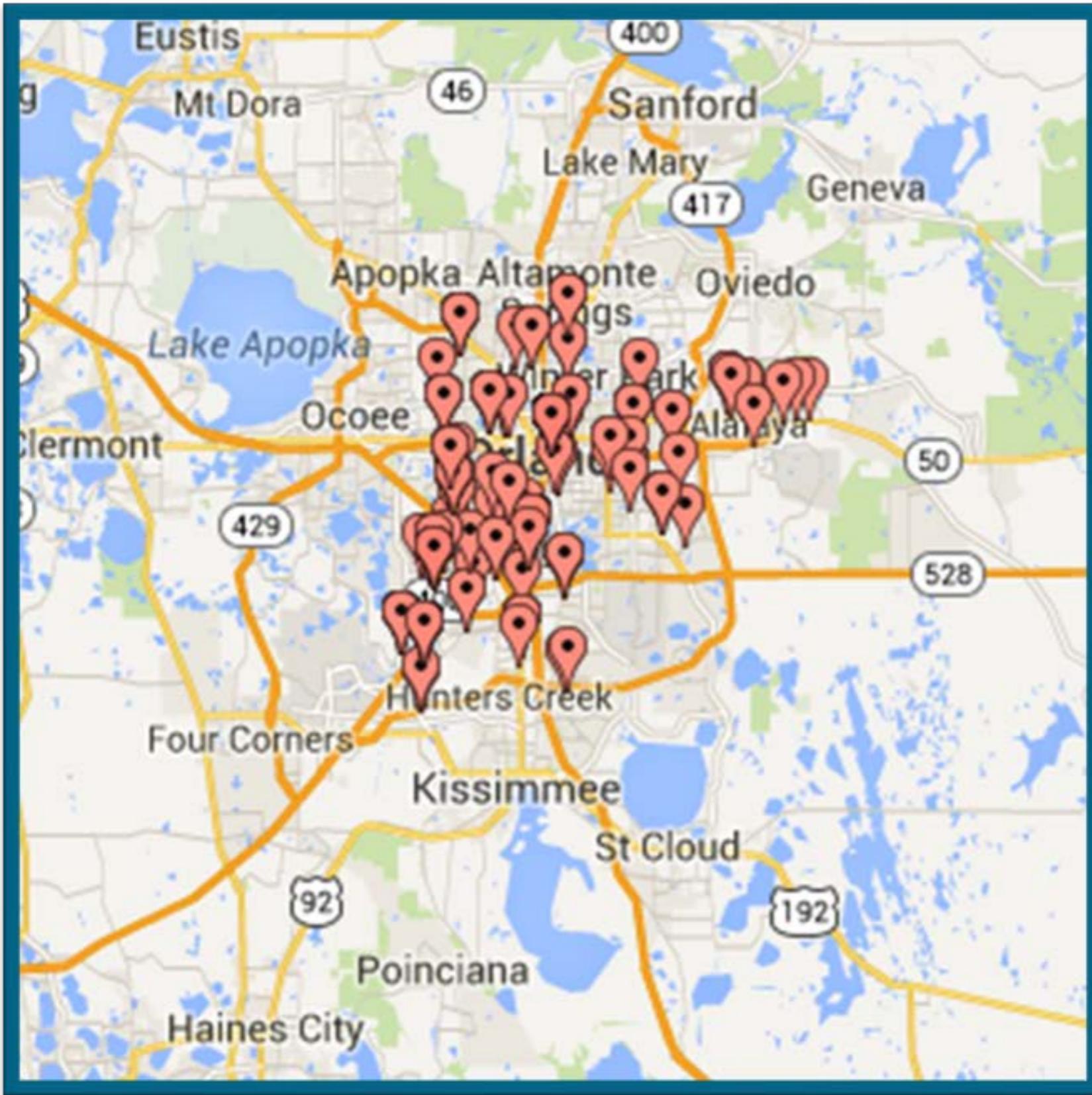
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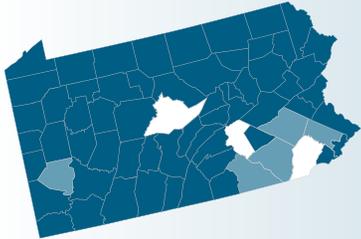
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PENNSYLVANIA



WAIVER STATUS: Partial

While Pennsylvania technically has a “partial” work requirement waiver, the overwhelming majority of the state is exempted from commonsense work requirements. The current waiver exempts 59 of the state’s 67 counties, plus 10 “minor civil divisions” for a total of 69 waived areas. The current waiver runs from January 1, 2018 through December 2018.



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Waiver Gimmicks

■ GERRYMANDERING COUNTIES

Pennsylvania combined the unemployment rates of 59 counties to achieve an average unemployment 20 percent higher than the national average. This leads to many counties receiving a waiver, even though those counties would not independently qualify.

■ For example, Adams County, Pennsylvania has an **unemployment rate of just 3.9 percent** during the relevant time period yet work requirements are completely waived.

■ GERRYMANDERING OTHER AREAS

Pennsylvania also combined the unemployment rates of random geographic areas in order to rig the outcome and waive additional areas that would not have qualified for waivers.

■ In what the state calls “Minor Civil Divisions Group 1,” Pennsylvania combined York township and Springettsbury township—which had unemployment rates of 4.17% and 4.77%—with York city which reported an 8.53% unemployment rate. Neither of the townships would have qualified for waivers on their own. But by combining, all of these areas now qualify for waivers of commonsense work requirements, despite the two townships being beyond full employment.

The Real Story

■ STATEWIDE UNEMPLOYMENT

4.4% in Pennsylvania as of December 2017

■ A near-record low.

■ OF 59 EXEMPTED COUNTIES IN PA

0 have unemployment rates above the 10% statutory threshold

■ Current unemployment rates are as low as **3.2%** in waived counties.

28 have unemployment rates at or below 5%

In fact, according to Help Wanted Online, there are

209,616

available jobs in Pennsylvania.



Principles of Welfare Reform



1



Welfare for able-bodied adults should be **temporary**.



2



Those who **can work should work**.



3



Individuals who **have the means to support themselves** should not rely on taxpayers.



4



Welfare fraud must be stopped to preserve benefits for the truly needy and to fund other key spending priorities such as cops, kids, roads and tax cuts.





Work Requirements Work



Work requirements can move able-bodied adults **off of welfare.**

THE PROOF



What happens when you move people from welfare to work?

After Kansas and Maine implemented work requirements in food stamps:



Enrollees went back to work and **their incomes more than doubled.**



New workers didn't just go back to work in low-wage jobs, **but found employment in over 600 industries**, including construction, manufacturing, and nursing.



Their time on welfare was **cut in half.**

THE ANSWERS



Concerned about child poverty?

97 percent of people who work full-time are **out of poverty.**



Troubled by the revolving door of prisons?

Having a job after being released is a top predictor of whether someone will re-offend.



Saddened by the breakdown of a family?

Four out of five single women say **having a steady job** is a top attribute in a potential spouse.



Overwhelmed by the opioid epidemic?

Work is one of the best predictors of whether someone will **remain in recovery and stay sober.**

THE STORIES

See more success stories at TheFGA.org/stories



April O'Neal began using drugs at the age of eleven

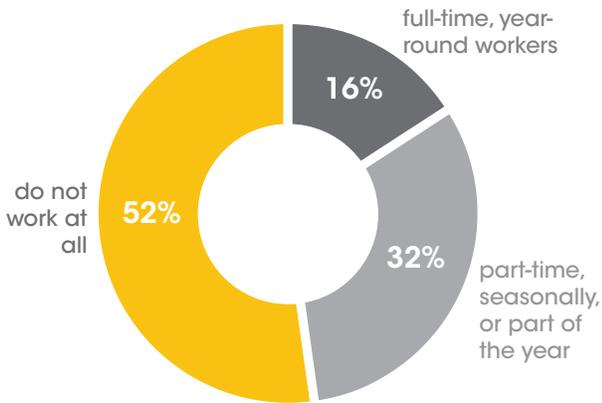
and entered a life of dependency at age sixteen. She spent fourteen years relying on public assistance, supporting her drug and alcohol habit through government provided food and housing. After a program required her to find a job, April's entire life changed.

Thanks to work, she no longer needs assistance and instead empowers other women to fulfill their human potential through work and self-reliance rather than dependence.



Expand Work Requirements to Medicaid

ENROLLEES AREN'T WORKING



Work is the best way to increase incomes and reduce dependency.

However, according to the Census Bureau, just 16 percent of able-bodied adults on Medicaid are full-time, year-round workers, compared to 52 percent who do not work at all.

COSTS ARE UNSUSTAINABLE

The number of able-bodied adults on Medicaid has **quadrupled since 2000.**



In 2000, Medicaid consumed 19.5% of state budgets. Today, Medicaid consumes nearly 30% – or **nearly 1 out of every 3 dollars.**

Medicaid spending has more than tripled since 2000, with Medicaid spending on able-bodied adults increasing by more than 700 percent.



These resources can't be spent on cops, kids, roads, or the truly needy.

However, if every state implements Medicaid work requirements, taxpayers could **save nearly \$1 trillion** over the next 10 years.





The Solution: Empower Individuals Through Work

APPLIES TO:

Able-bodied, working-age adults

Expand work requirements to the Medicaid program, requiring able-bodied adults to work, train, or volunteer.

EXEMPT:

Individuals with disabilities, seniors, and kids



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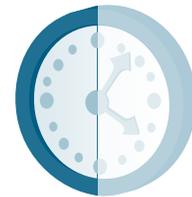
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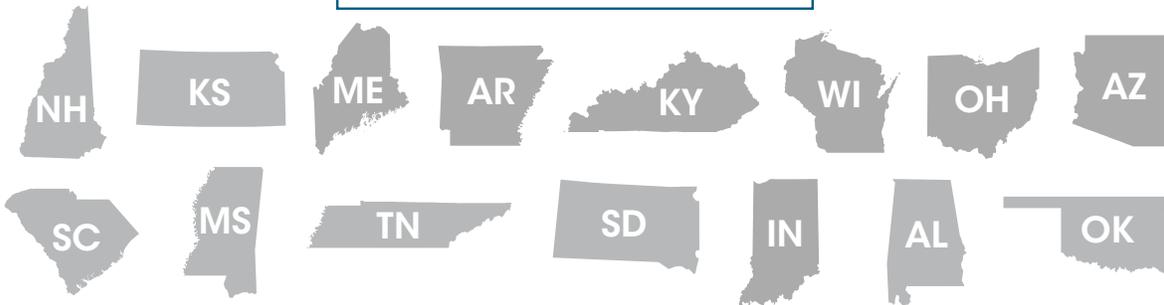
Their increased incomes more than offset lost benefits



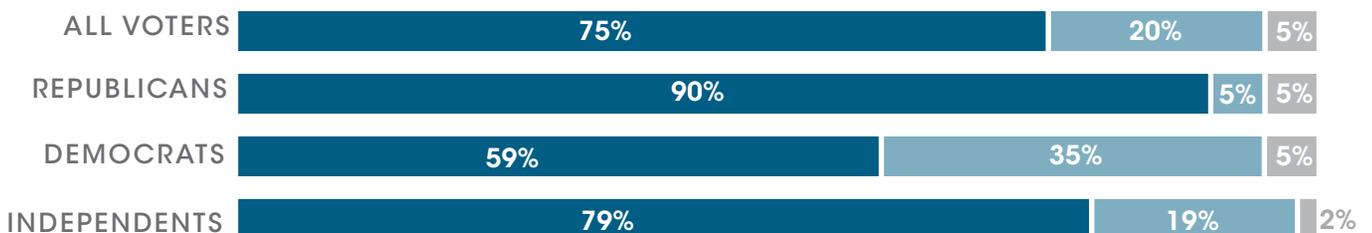
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■ SUPPORT ■ OPPOSE ■ UNSURE



It's time to stop the welfare scam

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HURTING THE TRULY NEEDY



Jacob Chalkey, 23 years old, has a rare brain disorder that causes life-threatening seizures. Waste, fraud, and abuse overburdened Illinois' system, *causing Jacob to lose the medicine he desperately needs.*

Nationally, more than 650,000 individuals remain trapped on Medicaid waiting lists due to a lack of funding. Meanwhile, at least **21,904 of these individuals have died** since ObamaCare expansion began.



A Proven, Effective Solution: Stop the Scam



IT'S SIMPLE

1

Verify enrollees' eligibility

2

Conduct regular reviews to ensure continued eligibility

3

Remove individuals from welfare who abuse the system



IT WORKS



Pennsylvania saved taxpayers nearly **\$300 million** in the first 10 months



Arkansas removed **80,000** ineligible enrollees, including 25,000 who were receiving benefits in multiple states



Illinois removed **700,000** ineligible individuals in the first two years, **saving taxpayers up to \$430 million per year**



IT'S POPULAR

75% of voters want to Stop the Scam.

